

REMARKS**STATUS OF THE APPLICATION**

The present application was filed December 11, 2003 and included claims 1-34. In an Office Action dated March 6, 2006, the Office has rejected claims 1-20 and 34, objected claims 17, 18, 21 and 32-34, and allowed claims 22-31. In response thereto, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and have amended claims 21 and 32-34. In view thereof, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

DISCUSSION

The Office has objected to claims 17-18, 21 and 32-34 for various typographical errors.

The Office has rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph as indefinite.

The Office has rejected claims 1-7, 12 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,040,087.

The Office has further rejected claims 8-11 and 13-16 obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,040,087 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,024.

The Office has indicated allowable subject matter in claims 21-34.

The Objections

The Office has objected to claims 17-18, 21 and 32-34 for various typographical errors. In response thereto, claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled and claims 21 and 32-34 have been amended to obviate the objections thereto.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

The Office has rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph as indefinite. In response thereto, claim 34 has been amended to Obviate all 35 U.S.C. 112 issues.

The 35 U.S.C. 102(b) Rejection

The Office has rejected claims 1-7, 12 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,040,087. In response thereto, claims 1-7, 12 and 17-20 have been cancelled in favor of a continuing application.

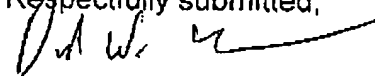
The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejection

The Office has further rejected claims 8-11 and 13-16 obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,040,087 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,024. In response thereto, claims 8-11 and 13-16 have been cancelled in favor of a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-20 and the amendment of claims 21, and 32-34, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions which would place the instant application in better condition for allowance, he is earnestly requested to contact the undersigned.

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